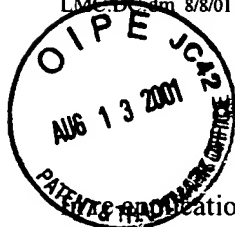


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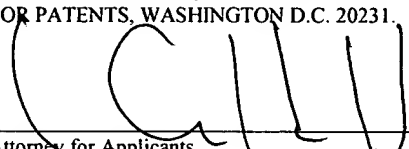
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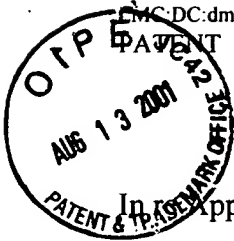
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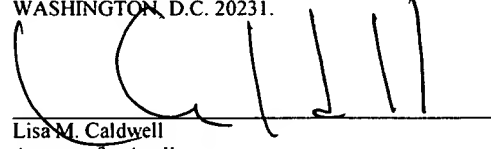
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RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action, dated June 6, 2001. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before September 6, 2001.

REMARKS

I. Rejection of Claim 47 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not supported by the disclosed specification (the Examiner refers to recitation of "95% by volume" in claim 47). Because the recited language is explicitly recited in the specification, Applicants traverse the rejection and request that it be withdrawn.

Specifically, on page 8, lines 29-31 of the specification, support can be found through the statement "the concentration of the gas in the solvent is preferably at least from about 10% to about 95% gas to solvent by volume." Consequently, the § 112 rejection is improper.